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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, National Estimates,
Central Intelligence Agency

Subject: Assumptions for NIE 11-9-54, 'Soviet Air
Defense Capabilities'

1. In reply to your letter of 24 September, amended as a result of your conference with Captain Malpass on the subject, the following information has been obtained:

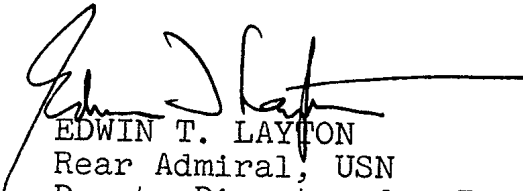
a. Low level attack - altitudes up to 10,000 feet.
Attacks in this range would be exposed to automatic weapons fire.

b. Medium level attack - 10,000 to 30,000 feet.
Attacks in this range would be subjected to conventional anti-aircraft fire (90-120mm guns).

c. High altitude attacks - over 30,000 feet.
Attacks at this level are considered above conventional anti-aircraft fire.

2. It should be noted that the foregoing are not precise definitions, but are generally accepted in military descriptions of these types of attack.

3. It is therefore recommended that these parameters be set forth as assumptions in the subject estimate. It is hoped that the foregoing will satisfy the amended requirements.


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